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For: GENE ENCODING PROTEIN FROM MEZORITE  
OF BABESIA CABALLI, RECOMBIANT  
PROTEIN OBTAINED WITH SAID GENE AND  
USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert  -This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT International Application No. Pct/JP99/04386, which has an International filing date of August 13, 1999, which designated the United States of America.

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